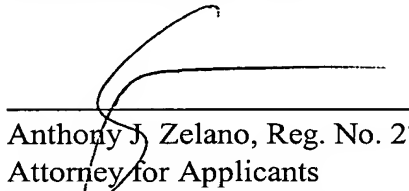


REMARKS

The purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is to eliminate multiple dependent claims in order to avoid the additional fee. Applicants reserve the right to reintroduce claims to canceled combined subject matter.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "**Version With Markings to Show Changes Made**".

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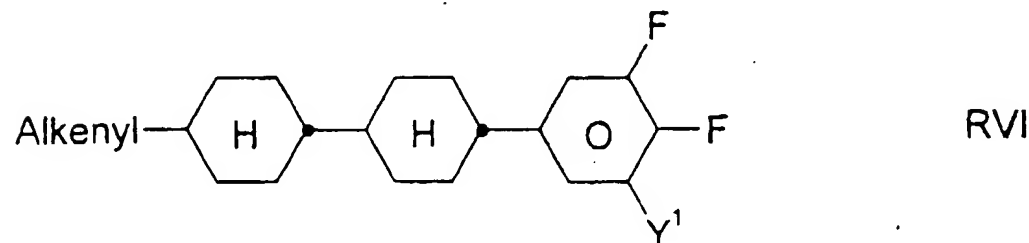
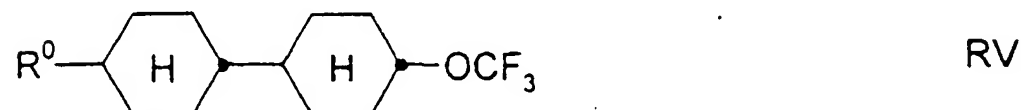
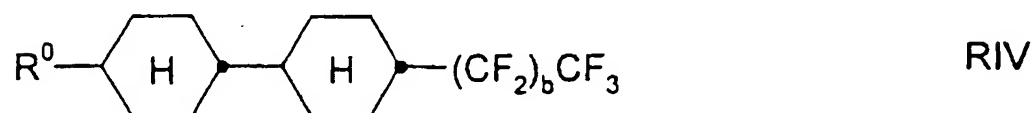
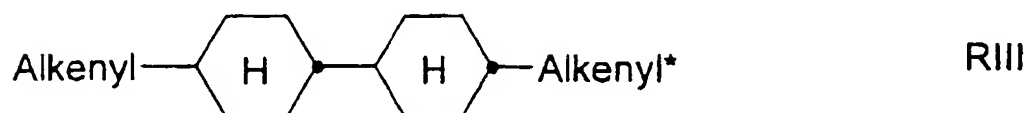
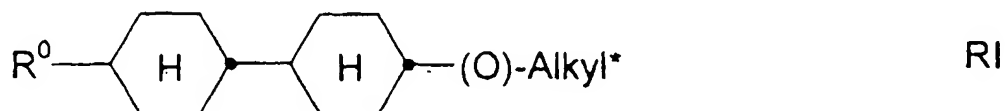
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Claims 4 and 8-10 were amended:

4. (Amended) Phenol esters according to ~~one of~~ Claims 1 to 3, characterized in that $M = 1$.

8. (Amended) Medium according to Claim 6 ~~or 7~~, characterized in that the proportion of compounds of the formulae I to IX in the total mixture is at least 50% by weight.

9. (Amended) Medium according to ~~one of~~ Claims 6 to 8, characterized in that it additionally comprises one or more compounds of the formulae RI to RVI



in which

R^0 is n-alkyl, oxoalkyl, fluoroalkyl, alkenyloxy or alkenyl, in each case having up to 9 carbon atoms,

b is 0, 1 or 2,

Y^1 is H or F,

Alkyl* is a straight-chain alkyl radical having up to 9 carbon atoms,

Alkenyl or Alkenyl*

is, in each case independently of one another, an alkenyl radical having up to 9 carbon atoms.

10. (Amended) Medium according to ~~one of~~ Claims 7 to 9, characterized in that X^0 is F or OCF_3 and Y^2 is H or F.